



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for September 22, 2008

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BOYCE TO HOLD HEARING ON 2009 GENERAL BUDGET: President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) will hold the first in a series of public hearings on the 2009 General Fund budget Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 5:30 PM in City Council Chambers (PN0210-2008). During the first hearing, members of Council and the public will receive a briefing on the Auditor's second quarter review and the latest revenue estimates. Future meetings will include budget proposals from various city departments. In years past, Council did not convene budget hearings until early December. Council will pass the 2009 budget early next year.

SUPPORTING HOUSING NEEDS: Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1255-2008* to enter into a \$250,000 agreement with Bluebird Properties Inc. for the acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of new housing for the *Home Again* initiative. The work will be focused around Mount Carmel West in the Franklinton area. The resources to support the program come from the Housing Preservation Fund, which allows the City to help preserve affordable housing units for low and moderate-income individuals.

Councilmember Tavares is also sponsoring *resolution 0173X-2008*, to endorse Issue 75 and to support the mission of Columbus City Schools. Councilmember Tavares has asked Columbus City Schools Superintendent/CEO Dr. Gene Harris to provide Council with an overview of Issue 75 and how it will improve the educational standards and opportunities for students.

NEW BIKEPATH ALONG GOODALE: Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is supporting a consent agreement with ODOT to construct a bike path along Goodale Street from the intersection of Olentangy River Road to the State Route 315 ramps, east of the Olentangy River. The Goodale Street Bridge will be widened with a 14 foot bike/pedestrian deck as well as a ramp from Goodale Street to the existing Olentangy Trail. This project will provide access to a major regional trail system and the Arena District for residents and workers in the Harrison West and Grandview Heights areas. The engineering phase of this project is scheduled to begin in November 2008, with construction slated for June of 2011.



CRAIG RAISING BREAST CANCER

AWARENESS: Friends, families, and coworkers will band together to celebrate survivorship, express hope, and a shared goal to end breast cancer by participating in the American Cancer Society's *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k*

Walk on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 9:00 AM. Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0171X-2008* to recognize the event and to encourage the community to participate in this worthy cause. In 2007, nearly 500,000 walkers in 130 communities across the country joined the American Cancer Society in the fight against breast cancer.

PROTECTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS: Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1276-2008* to extend an existing contract with Total Fire Group for turnout gear for the Division of Fire. The Division of Fire has determined the need to field test new materials used in the production of turnout gear since the City's last bid specifications were developed. The field test will allow the Division to determine durability, enhance safety and possibly reduce costs. This legislation will extend the current contract until July 31, 2009.

** Councilmember Ginther will be one of the featured speakers during the graduation ceremony for the Division of Fire's newest recruit class. The ceremony will take place Friday, September 26, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony in the Maurice Gates Gymnasium of the Division of Fire Training Center at 3639 Parsons Avenue. **

MENTEL STANDS UP FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE: City Council remains committed to supporting City employees who have been called to active military duty in defense of our nation. Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) is bringing forth *ordinance 1473-2008* to authorize the continuation of military leave with pay and benefits to City employees who have or will be called to active military duty. President Mentel created the initiative after 9/11, and every year since he has ensured that Council continues to extend these benefits to support our troops and their families.